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SUMMARY. PARTICIPANTS IN RECENT TOKYO SESSION OF SOCIALIST

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT, STRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUST ECONOMIC ORDER. GROUP ALSO HEARD ROK UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN POINTEDLY CRITICIZE JAPANESE CO-HOSTS, JSP AND DSP, FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE SUPPORT OF DPRK AND ROKG. END SUMMARY.

1. SIXTY-SEVEN PERSONS REPRESENTING 21 PARTIES AND 20 NATIONS PARTICIPATED IN SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) MEETING IN TOKYO DEC. 17-19, FIRST SUCH GATHERING HELD OUTSIDE EUROPE. REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND ICFTU WERE ALSO PRESENT AS OBSERVERS. JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) SERVED AS CO-HOSTS. AMONG THOSE ATTENDING WERE SI CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT, FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY FRANCOIS MITTERAND, DANISH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN, AND FINNISH PRIME MINISTER KALEVI SORSA. MEETINGS CONCENTRATED ON ASIAN SITUATION, ENERGY, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. SESSIONS WERE NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC, BUT PRESS WAS BRIEFED AT CLOSE OF EACH DAY.

2. IN PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING DEC. 16, BRANDT, WHO DOMINATED PUBLICITY, URGED WORLD SOCIALISTS TO INTENSIFY CAMPAIGN TO HALT SUPERPOWER ARMS RACE, STRIVE TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND END POVERTY. THEN, IN SPEECH WHICH ATTRACTED MOST ATTENTION HERE, ROK CONFIDENTIAL

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UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN KIM CHOL, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF KIM DAE-JUNG, POET KIM JI-HA AND OTHERS IN ROK JAILS, TOLD ASSEMBLED THAT DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN ASIA WERE GROWING STEADILY STRONGER DESPITE FIERCE OPPRESSION OF THOSE IN POWER. KIM DECLARED SOCIALIST STRUGGLES WERE MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY JAPANESE AND OTHER ENTREPRENEURS IN ASIA ALLIED WITH DICTATORIAL REGIMES. KIM ATTACKED BOTH JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTIES: HE ACCUSED DSP OF ECHOING VOICE OF RULING PARTY (LDP) IN MAKING TIES WITH CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS AND FALSE OPPOSITION PARTIES, WHILE IN CLEAR REFERENCE TO JSP, HE SAID SOME JAPANESE SOCIALISTS RECOGNIZED ONLY COMMUNISTS IN A DIVIDED COUNTRY.

3. RESULTS OF SESSIONS WERE SUMMARIZED REASONABLY WELL IN "TOKYO DECLARATION" ISSUED BY CHAIRMAN BRANDT DEC. 19, WHICH:

--EXPRESSED SI RESOLVE TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COOPERATION IN FURTHERING DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ASIA-PACIFIC REGION;

--STATED FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE SEEKING
FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS;

--URGED NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION;

--PROMISED POSITIVE EFFORT TO IMPROVE LOT OF LDC'S;

--COMMITTED ITSELF TO WORK FOR FAIR USE OF ENERGY
AND ENERGY RESOURCES AND EXPANDED ENERGY DEVELOPMENT;
AND

--CALLED FOR CREATION OF COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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4. AT SESSION'S FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE, BRANDT DESCRIBED TOKYO CONFERENCE AS "VERY MEANINGFUL", BECAUSE WORLD SOCIALISTS HAD DEEPENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF ASIA-PACIFIC REGION. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FORMER PORTUGUESE PRIMIN SOARES WOULD LEAD SI MISSION TO MEXICO AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES NEXT YEAR; THAT SI BUREAU DIRECTORS WOULD MEET NEXT YEAR IN DAKAR; AND THAT SI CONGRESS WOULD BE CONVENED IN VANCOUVER IN NOV. 1978. SI SECGEN CARLSSON DISCLOSED SI PLAN TO ESTABLISH ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL BUREAU IN TOKYO AND INTENTION TO REVISE 1951 FRANKFURT CHARTER, WHICH BROUGHT SI INTO BEING, TO CORRESPOND WITH TODAY'S REALITIES.

5. ASIDE FROM FORMAL SESSIONS, NON-ASIAN PARTICIPANTS SAW SI MEETING AS OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH OR EXPAND BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH GOJ LEADERSHIP. BRANDT, FOR EXAMPLE, IN HIS CALL ON PRIMIN FUKUDA DEC. 17 DISCUSSED KEY ROLES OF US, JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY IN WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER; UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE OF "BRANDT COMMITTEE" CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING FOR WORLD BANK NEW AND IMAGINATIVE APPROACHES TO NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES; AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON TERRORISM. IN WORKING LUNCH WITH PRESS FOLLOWING DAY, BRANDT SAID US SHOULD DO MORE TO SUPPORT DOLLAR, AFFIRMED VALUE OF DETENTE AND SPECULATED THAT FIRST MBFR FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED SOON. EX-PRIMIN ROWLING OF NEW ZEALAND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF TALK WITH PRIMIN, FONMIN AND AGMIN TO UNDERScore OPPOSITION SUPPORT FOR NZ'S DEMANDS FOR LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS, ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED TO NZ EMBOFFS THAT HE WAS INCLINED TO APPROACH MATTER MORE QUIETLY THAN MULDOON (AND INDEED MADE NO ATTEMPT TO MAKE HEADLINES).

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6. COMMENT: THIS FIRST ASIAN MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL WAS PROBABLY QUALIFIED SUCCESS IN INTRODUCING EUROPEANS TO COMPLEXITIES AND PRE-OCCUPATIONS OF THEIR ASIAN COUNTERPARTS. STATEMENTS OF CHAIRMAN BRANDT AND USP CHAIRMAN KIM, WHICH RECEIVED WIDE MEDIA PLAY, ALSO SERVED TO FOCUS JAPANESE ATTENTION ON EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE WHICH NORMALLY ARE NOT MUCH DISCUSSED IN ASIA.

7. DISUNITY OF CO-HOSTS JSP AND DSP WAS APPARENT THROUGHOUT. THERE WERE DISAGREEMENTS OVER ARRANGEMENTS, TRANSLATIONS, AND SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS. WHILE BOTH PARTIES WERE PLEASED BY EXPOSURE IT GAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE NEW CHAIRMEN, MOST EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS, JUDGING FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, CONTINUED AS IN PAST TO FIND IDEOLOGICAL AFFINITY WITH DSP, WHILE JSP STRUCK THEM AS ANACHRONISTIC ENIGMA IN TERMS OF MAINSTREAM DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM. BOTH JSP AND DSP APPEARED STARTLED BY UNEXPECTED CRITICISM FROM USP'S KIM. ALL THIS LED BRANDT, DESPITE HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT TO CONTRARY, TO CONFIDE PRIVATELY TO FRG EMBASSY THAT HE WAS FED UP WITH JSP AND DSP SQUABBLING. THESE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JSP AND DSP, ONLY SIGNIFICANT EAST ASIAN SOCIALIST PARTIES (EXCLUDING BURMA), ALSO MAKE IT QUESTIONABLE WHETHER SI REGIONAL BUREAU SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED IN TOKYO WILL BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN A PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION, WHICH FOUNDERED SHORTLY AFTER ITS INAUGURATION IN 1972.
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